Monday morning early Sarah Anne, Emma & I w
again for Rochester & Rustbey. I set them with
Dr Seely, left Anne & Annie in Rustbey, & went into the
city in the "minuet-hood" & told the boy to leave me
as near 36 Cornhill as possible. You will think what
was the that for? I will tell you, but first say I in-

. week before last we held our quarterly meeting of the F. E. Society at the house of our President, about 18 or 19 Juvenils & all present— not one Peeler. Mrs Peirce read the address from the Boston Female. after some talk Mrs Hanson moved to take no action on the letter. Carried unanimously. Voted to write to

every member of the society affectionately inviting them to contribute to the fair under the direction of the women of the Miss S. S. Society to be held in Boston some time in October next. Voted to celebrate what money there was in the treasury to the fair. I can sing to say it was only $2.24 cents. Voted to chose a committee to take charge of the fair concerns, chose Mrs Rachel Newcomb. Miss S. Reed. Miss M. Bromfield Miss S. Haymen, & M. Clarkson who is Chairman of the Committee. I write more than 50 notes with a little help from M. Fifield & S. Cowing & sent them all. Saturday night Mama sent the petition by Elias Richards. by the way he invited me to go to South Attleb the 4th ——— and I did not go. We meet in our sewing room every Sunday afternoon, the Cowings are very efficient help also Mrs Pierce, the rest that come, do it when convenient. Mr Merit is to move his shop up to the land above the academy next month, I have forgotten whether we had taken Mr Merits room before you left, he offered it to us in return - free gratis, & it has been exceedingly nice & convenient, one of the Peerless did not like it I persevered. at our meeting last Sunday we talked much about how we should do when we had to give up Mr Merits room, & could contrive nothing. Just as our meeting was about to be dismissed, Mrs Norcom called, & said that we could have the Directors room over the bank rent free this summer or longer perhaps. I actually turned to stone with astonishment & wonder. when I did come to myself sufficient to speak I asked her who we should thank for this great favour, she said "not me it was Mr Norcoms own thought, he mentioned it to the directors this afternoon, & there was not a dissenting voice". Now Debora is not this an omen of good, & can I not amply praise for all my thought & perseverance on the subject. I told you I could not give it up, I planned it in the waking hours

one forenoon you know just before the annual meeting.
We shall move to the booth the first of next month I
suppose, & I dare say we shall be more popular even
if we are working for Garrison, that is what is said of us
Perhaps you will think it hard, but you are a member
of our society & must send us some article for the fair
Send it tollerable soon, as it will encourage others. Mr
Perkins has sent a gift dollar. Yesterday Mrs Pierce & I went to
South Weymouth to call on Mrs E.S. Good to see if we could get
any help is need to the fair. The female meeting was held at
her house that very afternoon. There was only 6. or 7. There, & they
of them seemed the most kind. I cheerfully long to tell you
of them

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your [illegible] my wife
what they said & did, & if will tell you some things in
my next letter. Rev Lewis their minister has been very ill
the time. I was prepared to fight & hate him, but he
was quite upright. it is time we did not come to the real
scenes, but I cant without fear & tell Garrison, Liberator
& other obnoxious words with the utmost calmness. He did not
wish to contract me I plainly saw. If he had not been a
minister I should have thought him pretty right but seeing he is
I conclude he need not care out. I remembered what he said about